ACER takes the health and wellbeing of all the people we interact with seriously. Many of our tests bring together large groups of people and some candidates travel from overseas locations. These factors present potential risks following the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19). ACER recognises that we have a duty of care to candidates and also need to support attempts to limit the spread of the virus. ACER is actively responding to these risks and all actions that we are taking are being guided by publicly available information from the Australian Government’s Department of Health and similar agencies in other countries.

The outbreak is an evolving situation and advice to candidates will be regularly updated in the coming days and weeks. It is possible that a pandemic will be declared and that the Australian government will require that large gatherings are cancelled. If this is the case and ACER is required to cancel a test, participant fees for cancelled events will be refunded and/or the event will be offered at an alternative time, as may be appropriate.

Candidates should be aware that decisions to cancel a test may be “last minute”, so we recommend that candidates check the relevant ACER test website page on a regular basis.

At this point the GAMSAT test scheduled for Saturday 21 March 2020 will proceed in all locations, except Singapore. Candidates will be advised immediately if a decision by the GAMSAT Consortium or the Australian Government changes this status. We will continue to monitor the global situation and take appropriate management steps within each country where the GAMSAT March 2020 test will run.

The GAMSAT office advises candidates to please note the key points below before attending on the test date:

- Any candidate who has been in China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Iran and Italy (plus other affected countries) should reconsider attending a test centre until they have self-quarantined for 14 days
- Please do not attend a centre if you are within this self-quarantine isolation period
- If you do not wish to attend, the GAMSAT office will provide you with a refund or a free deferral to either GAMSAT September 2020/GAMSAT March 2021 (please note if you are applying to medical schools in Australia in 2020, a GAMSAT result from GAMSAT September 2020/GAMSAT March 2021 cannot be used for that application)
- Please note the GAMSAT office will not be offering an alternative test date before GAMSAT September 2020 for those who do not wish to sit on 21 March 2020
- If you present on the test day and complete the registration process but decide to leave the testing venue you are not entitled to apply for a refund
- Candidates are permitted to sit the test wearing protective masks (you will need to remove this for ID purposes at registration)
- Seating at the testing venues will be allocated randomly and we will not be moving candidates on request
- If there is a need for any change to the scheduled test date we will advise directly by email, the GAMSAT account messaging system and SMS. (Candidates that have not provided a mobile phone number are advised to log into their account and do so as soon as possible)
• Any changes will also be notified through this link

Precautions the GAMSAT office are taking at the testing venues:

• Supervising staff have also been informed not to work if they have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Iran and Italy plus other affected countries

• Staff will be provided with sanitising products and gloves

• Candidates will be requested to present their Admission Tickets and ID by holding them up for supervising staff at registration, avoiding contact with hands and furniture (please ensure that all blank fields which need to be manually filled in on your Admission Ticket are completed prior to arriving at the test centre).

• Candidates will be requested to clearly place their Admission Ticket and ID on their desks for further checking throughout the test day

• Candidates are advised to ensure they practice good hygiene, by washing their hands regularly and limiting physical contact with others